Was taken up and read a second time in full, and House-Bill No. 23 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 53:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3936, Laws of Florida, being an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Putnam in the State of Florida, approved May 27, 1889,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the committee amendments;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 53, as amended, was placed on the calender of bills on third reading.

Mr. Phipps moved that the Senate do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hart-ridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President appointed Mr. Clark on the committee on the part of the Senate to investgate the convict camps, instead of Mr. Hooker, who was relieved therefrom at his own request, on account of committee work.

Introduction of Resolutions.

Mr. Fuller introduced the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18:

Resolved, the House concurring, That the Joint Committee appointed under House Concurrent Resolution No. 30, to introduce a bill giving statement of appropriations for 1897, 1898 and 1899, be authorized to employ necessary clerical aid, and to hire a committee room if necessary.

And Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18 was read first

time and laid over under the rules until to-morrow.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Gaillard:

Senate Bill No. 107:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city, and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 108:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 4147, Laws of Florida, being an act to regulate the carrying of fire arms, approved June 2, 1894;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Adams (by request):

Senate Bill No. 109:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning libel in civil and criminal cases:

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Darby: Senate Bill 110:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to surety and guarantee companies and corporations, firms and persons engaging in the business of becoming sureties upon the bonds of employes to employer;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to

the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hooker:

Senate Bill No. 111:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 3 and 4, chapter 4334, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish at Bartow, Florida, the South Florida Military and Educational Institute, and to provide and appropriate therefor, approved May 29, 1895;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to

the Committee on State Institutions.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 7, chapter 4055 of the Laws of Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to

the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Phipps:

Senate Bill No. 113:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate rates for telegraph

and cable messages within the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Canals and Telegraph.

By Mr. Carson:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 114:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida, so as to provide for the election of United States Senators in accordance with the expressed wishes of the voters of the State;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to

the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Messages from the House.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 45:

Resolved, the Senate concurring, That the Democratic as-

pirants for Senatorial honors be invited to speak in the Representative Hall, on any or every night until the meeting of the Democratic caucus.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 was read a first time.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 be read the second time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 was read the second time.

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the resolution; Which was not agreed to.

Also the following:

House of Representatives, Tallahassee, Fla., April 17, 1897.

HON, CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to recede from House amendment to—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2:

Relative to the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate the offices of State Comptroller and State Treasurer, and request that a Committee of Conference be appointed, and have appointed Messrs. Harris of Monroe, and Carlisle, such committee on part of the House.

Very respectfully, Wm. Forsyth Bynum,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Reeves moved that the Senate refuse to recede from its position on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved that the President appoint a Committee of Conference;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Darby and Fuller as such Conference Committee on the part of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

Sin-Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 66:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of Clear Water Harbor, Florida, and to provide for a municipal government for the town of Clear Water, and to define the boundaries thereof.

Beg leave to recommend that the title be amended by prefixing the words "A bill to be entitled," and with this amendment recommend that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully, W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 66, contained in the above report, together with the amendment offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred-

House Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the mu-

micipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its jurediction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality, approved May 25, 1895.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

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Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And House Bill No. 29, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Gaillard, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 22:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the manner of apprehending deserting seamen.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

H. GAILLARD,

Chairman Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

And Senate Bill No. 22, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

Hon. Chas. J. Perrenot,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 106:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the use of money for political purposes by corporations.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And Senate Bill No. 106, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, 7 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2251 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the construction of railways in this State by companies incorporated by other states.

Also.

Senate Bill No. 100:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for the completion of the entire main lines of the South American International Railroad.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLin,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bills Nos. 92 and 100, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blitch of 21st, Chairman of the Committee on Fish eries, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, } TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and note that in the title of the bill the words "An act" to be entitled an act are used. We recommend that it be so changed as to read, "A bill" to be entitled an act, and as thus amended, that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Chairman Committee on Fisheries.

And Senate Bill No. 87, contained in the above report, together with the amendment offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 90:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4226, Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893, entitled an act to amend section 1366 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in regard to the terms of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7,

8 and 10 of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Chautauqua Association, approved February 12, 1885.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. BARBER.

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 90 and 39, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

Hon. Chas. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

Sin-Your Committed on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 82:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Carrabelle, Franklin county, Florida.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 75:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to abolish the present municipal government of the city of Sanford, Orange county, Florida, and organize a city government for the same, and provide its jurisdiction and powers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 82 and 75, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 19, 1897.}

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

Sir-Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the giving of bonds in judicial proceedings, and providing that premiums paid to surety companies for becoming surety upon such bonds shall be taxed as costs.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it to be correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 83, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR-Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 69:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for completing the Carrabelle, Tallahassee and Georgia Railroad, and to preserve and to continue the grant of lands heretofore made to aid in its construction.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 32:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 69 and 32, contained in the above-report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

Sin-Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred-

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 12 and 55 off the Laws of the State of Florida, chapter 4328, providing for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and providing for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, A. D. 1895.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the forging of certain instruments, and prescribing the penalty therefor.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bills Nos. 33 and 84, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Fuller, of the Special Committee under House Concurrent Resolution No. 30, submitted the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 20, 189%.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

Sir—The Joint Committee appointed by the Senate and the House under House Concurrent Resolution No. 30, 602 introduce a bill giving statement of appropriations for \$8.50, 1898 and 1899, beg leave to report that the appointment of the committee not having been completed until the 19th insage.

it was impossible to draft the bill required in time to be reported to-day, as required in the Resolution No. 30. Therefore, we beg leave to report that we have organized and commenced work, and now respectfully ask for further time necessary to complete the work.

Very respectfully,

J. P. WALL,

Chairman of Joint Committee.

Mr. Fuller moved that the report be received, and further time be granted to the committee to make their report; Which was agreed to.

Orders of the Day.

Notice by Mr. Phipps of motion to reconsider vote by which Senate Bill No. 12 passed the Senate, which was laid aside informally by the Senate yesterday on motion of Mr. Phipps,

Was taken up.

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Mr. Phipps moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 12 passed the Senate;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of bills upon their third reading;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

And the Senate proceeded to the consideration of-

Bills on Third Reading.

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 11 of an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish the municipality of Key West, provide for its government, and prescribe its juri-diction and powers, approved May 16, 1889, and to extend the powers of said municipality, approved May 25, 1891,

Was taken up.

Mr. Phipps requested that Senate Bill No. 26 be passed informally, and not lose its place on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled an act abrogating citations on appeals

in chancery causes from the Circuit to the Supreme Court, and making the record of the entry of such appeals notice in such causes,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—26.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated. Mr. Reeves was excused from voting.

Senate Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act to abrogate the writ of Scire Facias ad Audiendum Errores in appellate proceedings to the Supreme Court, and to provide a substitute therefor in civil causes,

Was taken up and read a third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—26.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 81:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 4434 of the Laws of 1895, entitled an act to repeal chapter 4219 of the Laws of 1893, entitled an act to establish a county court in and for Columbia county, Florida,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—27.

Navs-none.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 41:

A bill to be entitled an act making county court judgments

liens upon real estate, and authorizing levy and sale of real estate upon execution from said courts,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon

its passage

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Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President. Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—25.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation to cover a deficiency in the appropriation for the census of 1895.

Was taken up and read a third time in full, and put upon

its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—27.

Nays-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 865 and 866 of Revised Statutes of Florida, regulating the granting of permits to sell liquors, wines or beer,

Was taken up and read a third time in full, and put upon

its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Darby, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Reeves, Roberts and Thomas—20.

Nays-Mr. President, Messrs. Daniel, Hartridge, Myers,

Phipps, Wadsworth and Williams-7.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 17:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 414, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the examinations of accounts of officers authorized to receive public moneys,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon

its passage.

Mr. Adams asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment to Senate Bill No. 17;

Which was granted.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 17:

In lines 14 and 15, section 1, strike the words "for any county," and make the word "collector" "collectors" in the 18th line of said section.

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Adams asked unanimous consent to offer the following amendment:

Which was granted.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 17:

At the end of section 1 add the words, "not to exceed five dollars per day for each day actually employed in such investigation or examination."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to unanimously.

And the Secretary was instructed to make the amendment in the bill.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill, the vote

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams-30.

Navs-None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

The President announced that the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate would now proceed to the election of a United States Senator.

Mr. Dougherty placed in nomination Hon. W. D. Chipley,

which was seconded by Mr. Reeves.

Mr. Blitch of 21st, nominated Hon. Wilkinson Call.

Broome seconded the nomination.

Mr. Myers placed Judge Geo. P. Raney in nomination, which was seconded by Mr. Carson.

Mr. McLin nominated Judge Wm. A. Hocker.

The Senate proceeded to vote for United States Senator.

Upon call of the roll the vote for United States Senator was as follows:

For Chipley—Mr. President, Messrs. Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Palmer of 11th, Peacock and Reeves—Total, 8.

For Call—Messrs. Blitch of 21st, Broome, Crosby, Roberts and Thomas—Total, 5.

For Raney—Messrs. Bailey, Carson, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Myers, Phipps and Wadsworth—Total, 8.

For Hocker—Messrs. McLin and Williams—Total, 2. For Mabry—Messrs. Adams and Bynum—Total, 2.

For Burford-Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 20th and Hooker-Total, 3.

For Davis—Mr. Darby—Total, 1. Total number of votes cast, 29.

Mr. Palmer of 14th announced that he was paired with Mr. Chipley.

The President declared that there was no election by the Senate.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Fuller, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with. The Journal was corrected and approved.